arrangements for the visit of the Prime Minister to Chennai on 4.7.2000, dummy exercises were undertaken. Inadequacies in the security arrangements at the Chennai Airport detected on 3.7.2000, were brought to the notice of the Tamil Nadu Police authorities. The arrangements were suitably tightened and the visit of the Prime Minister concluded smoothly. It may be mentioned, however, that the reception for the Prime Minister was scheduled at the Old Airport, well away from the regular domestic terminal where the dummy checks were carried out.

(c) Security arrangements at the Airport are under constant review and steps are taken to rectify the deficiencies which come to light from time to time.

Utilization of funds earmarked for. sanitation schemes in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

*44. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds earmarked for the construction of pavement, drains, cleanliness and setting up of hand pumps are spent on the prescribed purposes by Gram Panchayats in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) if not, the action taken against the persons responsible for it;

(c) whether any audit is being conducted by District Magistrates in these States;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to utilise these funds through D.Ms, on the line of M.P.L.A.D.S.;and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) There is no specific earmarking of funds under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development for construction of pavements, drains and cleanliness. These works generally form components of Rural Development programmes like the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) and the Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP) which are being implemented by the States through Gram Panchayats or other agencies. Component-wise expenditure on these works is not maintained by the Central Government. Further, for setting

up of hand pumps the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government by allocating funds for drinking water supply under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. In this programme also, there is no earmarking of funds specifically for hand pumps.

(c) and (d) There is no provision under the Guidelines for any audit to be conducted by the District Magistrates. However, the various schemes of the Ministry of Rural Development are got audited by the State Government through Chartered Accountant, CAG or other specified agency.

(e) and (f) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Notice to prominent citizens in Assam to quit the country

*45. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the issuance of notice to quite the country to certain welt-known Indian citizens by the Assam bureaucracy as they were identified as foreigners;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to verify their bonafides and correct the situation; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to instil confidence in minority communities in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) The Government of Assam has informed that no notice to quit the country has been issued to any Indian citizen by the State officials.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Autonomy to J & K

*46. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had received reports of Jammu & Kashmir for autonomy which were presented to the Legislative Assembly;